amounts due to them and much hardship was the result. He requested that this information might be furnished in the notices in future and that such sums might be ordered to be returned, on the receipt of the parties or their pleaders on the back of the summonses.

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer (*Shencottah*) requested that as in British India unspent amounts of witness-batta, &c., might be returned to the parties without a formal order.

Reply.—As regards return of money on receipts, this is being now done in practice and any specific transgression may be brought to the notice of the presiding officer. If there is any general difficulty, the High Court will see what could be done. As for the names of parties being also shown in the notices, this will be done if deemed practicable.

96. Publication of a daily notice giving particulars of unexpended batta in courts.

Mr. N. Narayanan Karthavu (*Shertallay*) observed that if in every court a notice could be published day after day giving particulars regarding unspent batta to witnesses, &c., this would enable the parties to know the amount, date and other matters concerning them and they could easily obtain the sums due to them.

Reply.—It is impossible to publish a daily notice. Whether a notice could be published quarterly will be considered.

97. What amount has been realized by Government under the item of batta for the issue of processes in the Judical department?

Mr. Varkey Oothuppu (*Ettumanur*) solicited this information for 1080.

Reply.—The net income for 1080 was Rs. 30,000.

98. Payment of batta to witnesses appearing in obedience to summonses in criminal cases whether examined on the day of attendance or not.

Mr. Narayanan Jatavedar Namburipad (*Muvattupuzha*) requested that witnesses appearing in criminal cases in obedience to summonses might be paid their batta irrespective of the question whether they were examined on the day of appearance or not.

Reply.—Elaborate rules have been passed on 1st June 1894 regarding the payment of batta to complainants and witnesses covering

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every possible case. Full discretion has been given to the officers concerned. It does not seen desirable to enlarge the scope of these rules, but individual cases, if brought to notice, will be considered.

99. Speedy disposal of criminal cases.

Mr. M. Bhaskara Menon, B. A., B. L., (*Parur*) in whose name this subject stood withdrew it.

100. Undesirability of allowing extradition warrants issued from the British courts to be executed whether the accused is really guilty or not.

Mr. M. Narayana Panicker (*Ampalapuzha*) in whose name this subject stood also withdrew it.

101. Desirability of giving right of appeal to complainants in criminal cases ending in acquittal.

Mr. K. Padmanabhan Tampi (*Taluk Association, Kalkulam*) who had brought up this subject also withdrew it.

102. Supply of copies of judgments simultaneously with their pronouncement in criminal cases where the accused are punished with rigorous imprisonment.

Mr. K. Padmanabhan Tampi (*Taluk Association, Kalkulam*) observed that at present copies of judgments even when rigorous imprisonment was awarded as punishment were furnished to the prisoners only after the calendar was sent, while the parties convicted were at once taken over for hard labor. As no fees were charged for the grant of copies in such cases, the member thought it would be desirable to supply copies of judgments not later than 2 or 4 hours after pronouncement of judgment, to enable the prisoners to obtain early relief in a court of appeal.

Reply.—This is not feasible. A copy can be furnished only after the pronouncement of judgment and the number of hours within which this could be done cannot be fixed in all cases alike, as it will depend upon the length of the judgment, the number of the accused convicted, the time of the day when the judgment is pronounced and other considerations. Section 276 of the Criminal Procedure Code lays down that copies of judgments should be given to prisoners without delay. Dates of application and grant are entered in the copies furnished and any undue delay if reported to the authorities will be taken notice of.

103. Desirability of recruiting Sub-magistrates from practising lawyers instead of from the Huzur Cutcherry clerks.

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